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portions of the opposed walls 71a of the frame 71 contain recesses R that support the adjacent ends of the cross slats 79. In the modification of Fig. 5B, the support slats 83 are parallel with and spaced between the opposed walls 81a of the frame 81. The ends of the cross slats 89 are connected with transverse support bars B which in turn are supported by the inwardly directed projections P on the opposed frame walls 81a.

Cancel the paragraph of Page 6, lines 22-26, and substitute the following therefor:

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As illustrated in Fig. 6A(c) the bed frame 1 is provided with legs L for supporting the mattress M shown in top plan and side views in Figs. 6A(a) and 6A(b), respectively. In Fig. 6B(c), the bed frame 1 is provided with a headboard H and a footboard FB for supporting the mattress M shown in the top plan and side views of Figs. 6B(a) and 6B(c), respectively.

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4. A bed frame for supporting a mattress, comprising:

- (a) a rigid horizontal rectangular frame (1) including opposed pairs of parallel spaced vertically oriented longitudinal side (1a) and transverse end (1b) walls, respectively;
- (b) a planar wooden bottom wall (4) connected with the bottom of said frame to define an open-topped enclosed space;
- (c) lattice means (2) cooperating with said wooden bottom wall to define in said enclosed space a plurality of insulating air chambers (5), said lattice means including:
 - (1) a plurality of parallel spaced horizontally-arranged vertically oriented support slats (3) arranged in said enclosed space normal to and extending between a first parallel pair of said frame walls; and

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(2) a plurality of parallel spaced horizontally arranged horizontally oriented cross slats (9) extending transversely above said support slats in a direction normal to said second pair of frame walls, the intermediate portions of said cross slats being supported by said support slats; and

(d) slat end support means on said second pair of frame walls supporting the adjacent ends of said cross slats, respectively.

Cancel claim 3, and rewrite as follows:

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13. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein said frame, said support slats, and said cross slats are each formed of wood.

Cancel claim 4-13, and substitute the following claims therefor:

16. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein said support slats (3) extend parallel with said side walls, and said cross slats extend parallel with said end walls.

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17. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein said support slats (3') extend parallel with said end walls, and said cross slats (9') extend parallel with said side walls.

18. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein said cross slats are supported in downwardly spaced relation relative to the upper edge of said frame.

19. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein said cross slats are supported adjacent the upper edge of said frame.

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20. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein said slat end support means comprise a plurality of spaced slots (S) contained in said second frame walls, said slots receiving the associated ends of said cross slats, respectively.

21. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein said slat end support means includes a plurality of side projections (P) that extend inwardly from the adjacent faces of said second pair of frame walls, respectively.

22. A bed frame as defined in claim 21, and further including a pair of end bars (B) extending transversely across, and connected below, the respective ends of said cross slats, respectively, said end bars being supported by the corresponding ones of said side projections, respectively.

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23. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, wherein at least some of said cross slats (7, 9) have different thicknesses, thereby to support different portions of the mattress at different heights relative to said frame.

24. A bed frame as defined in claim 15, and further including a wooden headboard (H), and metal bracket means (8) connecting said frame end wall with said headboard.

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25. A bed frame as defined in claim 14, and further including four externally rounded corner pieces (6) arranged at the corners of said frame between the associated side and end walls, respectively, and mortise and tenon joint means (T) connecting said side and end walls with said corner piece, respectively.